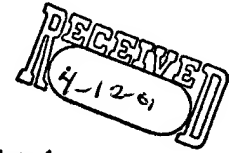


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and immediately displays information stored within the hand-held device that is related to a tagged item.

10 ¹⁵ ~~67~~ (Amended) The hand-held RFID device of any one of claims ¹ ~~26~~ through ~~35~~, or ~~63~~, wherein the device is adapted to verify the order of materials on a shelf.

10 ¹⁶ ~~68~~ (Amended) The hand-held RFID device of any one of claims ¹ ~~26~~ through ~~35~~, or ~~63~~, wherein (i) the device is programmed with specific information identifying certain items that an operator wishes to locate, (ii) identifiers of items read by the RFID device are compared with the information identifying the certain items; and (iii) when a match occurs, the device creates one or more signals indicating the presence of the item.

Remarks

In the Office Action dated April 4, 2001, the Examiner referenced two formal matters that remain to be addressed. The first is related to the "Incorporation by Reference" and "Related Applications" paragraphs at the top of page 1 of the specification. The Examiner's reminder is appreciated. No amendment is believed to be necessary.

The Examiner also correctly noted that claims 65 through 68, which are multiple dependent claims, improperly depend from other multiple dependent claims. The Examiner indicated that claims 65 through 68 should be canceled. Instead of canceling the claims, the improper references back to other multiple dependent claims have been deleted as shown in this Amendment, which should place those claims in condition for allowance, for at least the reason that they depend from other already-allowed claims.

The remaining formal matters having been addressed, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. If a telephonic conference with the Applicants' undersigned